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## Notes of the Life of a Prominent Man

Just before Mr. Hoover boarded his ship for Europe on his present trip he made the following statement:

"There is a great problem in the situation of the enemy people—about 90,000,000. This problem is not one of going to their relief. It is a problem of relaxing the watertight blockade, which continues through the armistice, sufficiently so that they may secure for themselves the bare necessities that will give stable government. Unless anarchy can be put down and stability of government can be obtained in these enemy States there will be nobody to make peace with, and nobody to pay the bill to France and Belgium for the fearful destruction that has been done.

"I would certainly approach this problem with mixed feelings, having been long a witness to the robbery of food from women and children, and the destruction of millions of tons of food at sea and to the misery under which the millions amongst the big and little Allies have suffered under the German yoke. Justice requires that Government be established able to make amends for wrongs done, and it cannot be accomplished through spread of anarchy. Famine is the mother of anarchy.

"I am going to Europe to discuss the further food measures that must be organized as a result of the cessation of hostilities. Of their 420,000,000, practically only three areas—South Russia, Hungary, and Denmark—comprising say 40,000,000—have sufficient food supplies to last until next harvest without imports. Some must have immediate relief.

"We have a surplus of some 18,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons of food if we are economical, so that the situation can be handled if this and the other smaller surpluses in the world can be transported.

"All continental Europe has reduced

herds and is consequently short of meats and especially fats. These countries have their last harvest and under ordinary governments this would furnish breadstuffs and vegetables for various periods from two months upward, depending upon the ratio of industrial populations. Something over 200,000,000 of peoples are now in social disorder.

"In these cases, with transportation and financial demoralization the tendency is for peasants to cease marketing even their surplus and thus instant difficulties are projected into the cities even when resources are available in the country. The peasant and villager of Europe always provides for himself for the whole year in any event. The problem thus narrows itself to the support of the cities and large towns pending restoration of order and the establishment of confidence in future supplies—and the cities are the centers of anarchistic infection.

"Arrangements have long since been made so that the large Allies—that is, France, England, and Italy—will be provisioned. This covers 125,000,000 people.

"Our first and deepest concern now must be for the little Allies who were under the German yoke—they are the Belgians, Serbians, Rumanians, Greeks, Czechs, Jugo-Slavs, and others. There are some 75,000,000 people in these groups, and they must be systematically helped, and at once. We have already doubled the stream of food flowing toward Belgium.

"Our next concern must be to relax blockade measures as far as possible in order that the neutral States in Europe, which are now all on short rations, should be able to take care of their people and prevent the growth of anarchy. This is another group of about 40,000,000.

"Another problem lies in the 50,000,000 people in North Russia, a large part of whom are inaccessible owing to the breakdown of transportation and through sheer anarchy. Millions of these are beyond help this winter. These groups are the ones that must enlist the sympathy of the American people and for whom we are prepared to make any necessary sacrifice."

## War Diet And Human Weight

A statistical report published in the German press and dealing with the effect of war food on the human constitution shows briefly that farmers and their families lost no weight during the war, but that persons living in large cities were effected to a serious degree.

According to Bavarian doctors, the average person in cities lost about one-sixth his pre-war weight, but in small towns the loss has been only about one-twentieth.

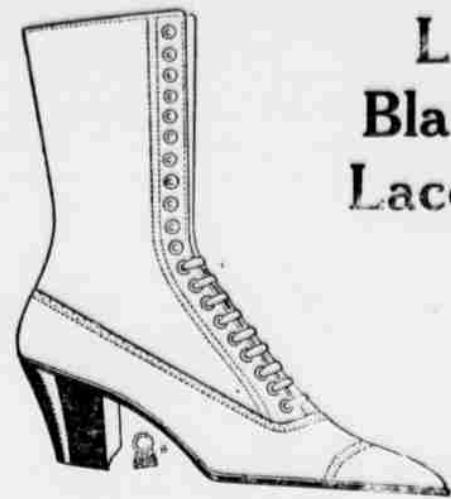
"Self-providers," as the farmers are called, lost no weight during the war and this observation applies to both men and women. Among city consumers, however, men lost about one-tenth their pre-war weight and women about one-fourteenth.

Information of this kind reflects, in a measure at least, the close food margins on which city dwellers in Central Europe have been living. According to the U. S. Food Administration, the situation probably has been more critical among the surrounding nations which Germany has drained of food and it is these newly liberated countries that must have food from America promptly and in plenty.

## Maui Acts

The Maui people have waked up to the fact that a great many small investors in Liberty Bonds are exchanging them for inferior and more or less worthless securities, and have organized a campaign of education against this sort of thing, headed by the Chamber of Commerce, and they request the Kauai Chamber to cooperate with them by taking some similar action.

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